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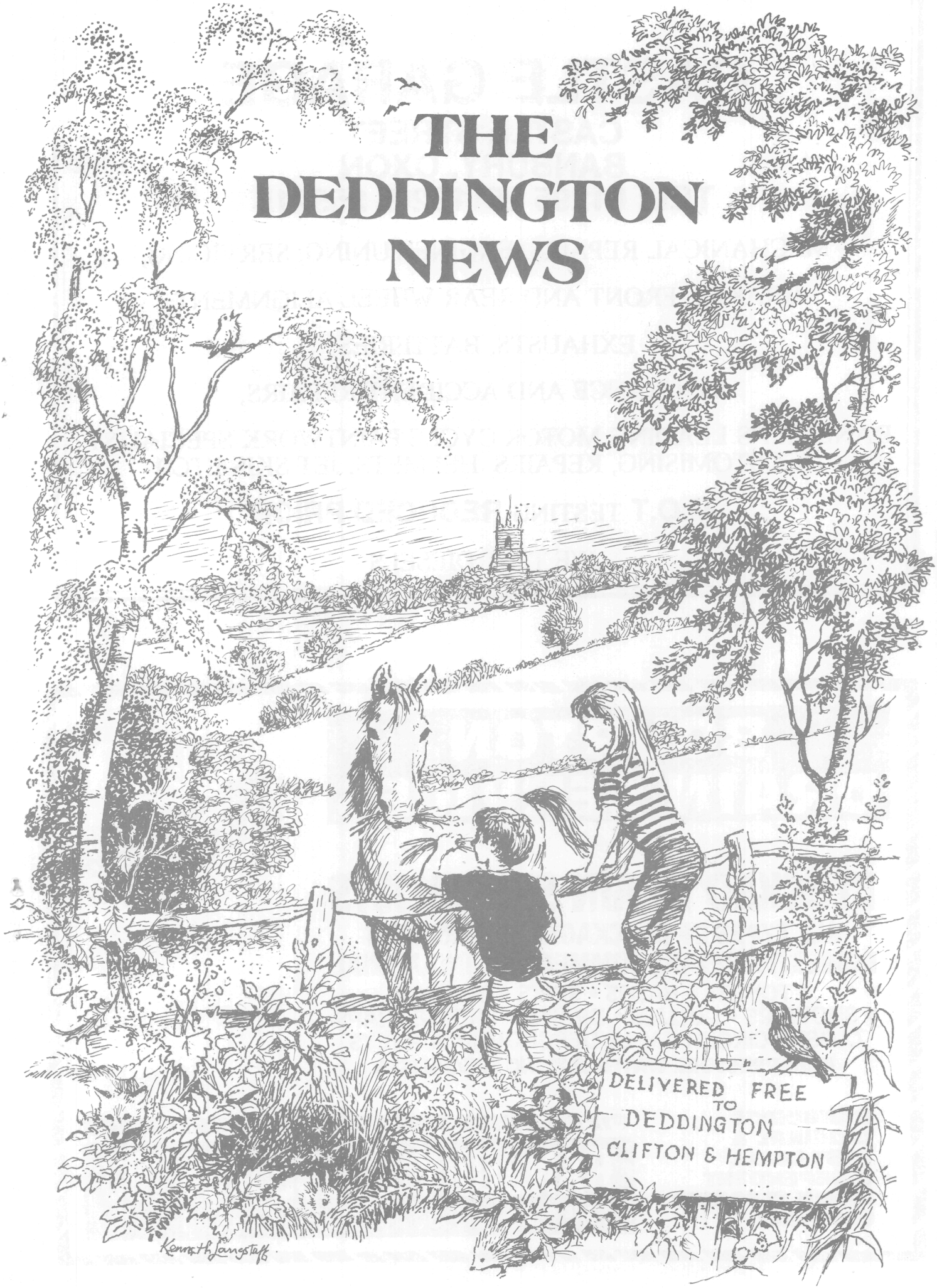

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## EDITORIAL

Matters are tumbling over each other for comment this month. I'll begin with the DN. Jennie Spengler has retired as Advertising Manager. We send many thanks. And congratulations. With true professionalism Jennie produced her new daughter on DN Copy Day. Elizabeth Tothill has taken over as Acting Advertising Manager. Elizabeth already does so much for the DN that merely to thank her seems a pale acknowledgement. This leads to my main point. The monthly thump as the DN hits the doormat, is the end result of an enormous amount of invisible work by a very large number of people. I hope Marilyn Simons, the Primary School's caretaker, will let me single her out. Without her cheerful willingness to open up the School for us last Bank Holiday Monday and cajole a posse of workmen, September's DN might not have appeared on time. Most months someone makes a special, unsung, contribution.The DN is genuinely a community publication.

Philip Allan confirms that English Heritage has turned down our application for matching Church Restoration funds. We appear to be be the victim of our own hard work, enterprise and success. One concedes that English Heritage has reasons for its decision but it wilts the spirit after a year of whole hearted involvement in the cause. However, the necessary work will begin. Hope springs...

Last month the Youth Club organised an Open Meeting for parents and for those interested in the Club's future. The Committee turned up. No-one else did. It's not the job of the DN to pontificate. But it would have been encouraging if some of the beneficiaries of the Youth Club's services had found time to attend the meeting.

The BSE debate continues. This issue could not be more relevant for a rural community - indeed for the country as a whole. I hope further correspondence follows. There are more points to be made.

The Parish Council Millennium Working Group asks for your ideas -now. DOL has a new website number. The Good Neighbour Group listing should be cut out and put where you won't lose it. Don't forget the Environmental Extravaganza on October 18. The first leaflet from the Deddington Map Group is delivered with this issue. And The Holly Tree Studio group proposes to delight us again at the end of the month.

Kristin Thompson

Fridays Coffee mornings in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church, 10 -12.
Fridays Babies and Toddlers Group, Windmill Centre, 9.30 - 11.30 am
Sundays British Legion, Bingo at 8 pm.

OCTOBER DIARY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Fr | 2 | Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Nurses, 5, Gaveston Gardens, 10 am - 12.30pm. |
| Mo | 5 | Monday Morning Club: Holly Tree, 10 am till noon. |
| Wed | 7 | Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8-10 pm. |
| Wed | 7 | Deddington Players, auditions for the pantomime, Windmill Centre, 7 pm. (p.6) |
| Mo | 12 | Youth Club:Cherwell Sports Team at The Windmill Centre, 7.30-9.30 pm. (p.6) |
| Tu | 13 | WI: Social evening, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. (p.7) |
| Wed | 14 | Friendship Club: Speaker from CDC, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm. |
| Wed | 14 | Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm. |
| Wed | 14 | Deddington History Society: C Boardman, Oxford Saints & Sinners, Windmill, 7.30pm. (p.6) |
| Fr | 16 | British Legion: Solo Sound Disco, 8.45 pm. |
| Sat | 17 | Conker Championships, Hempton Church grounds, 2 pm. (p.11) |
| Sun | 18 | Environmental Extravaganza, Windmill Centre, 10 am - 4 pm. (p.3) |
| Tu | 20 | COPY DATE FOR NOVEMBER DEDDINGTON NEWS. |
| Wed | 21 | Mobile Police Station in the Market Place, 9 am - 12 noon. |
| Wed | 21 | Monday Morning Club: Bus for 'School for Scandal' leaves Market Place at 6.15 pm. (p.7) |

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# DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Note of meeting on 16 September 1998**

Attended by Cllrs Flux (chair), Church, Clarke, Cosgrove, Cox, Harper, Newey, Swash, Todd, the Clerk, and 7 parishioners.

STUDENT GRANTS

Awards of £100 each were made to Miss E R Alton, Miss H V Anderson, Miss C E Burnell, Mr T R Chatterton, Miss G C Griffiths, Mr E A Walsh and Miss K J Wilson. PC voted a Chairman's Allowance to cover the cost.

10-MINUTE OPEN FORUM

Mrs Thelma Dover, of Grove Court, drew attention to fouling of the Clifton footpath by horse-droppings, and rubbish-filled gutters and gullies in the Market Place. Horse riders should deal with the first of these problems, and shopkeepers with the second.

LOW COST HOUSING

Further delays seem likely. The vendors seek access concessions that would be advantageous to them in their bid for further development permissions. CDC are against this. Clerk to ask the Housing Association to keep all applicants informed.

GRANTS

PC to provide up to £200 for a picnic bench at the Toddlers' Play area. The Tennis Club seeks £7-8,000 top-up money to fund pavilion development. PC requested detailed proposal.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Hempton Church Extension contractors should begin work in October.
- Weed-killing will cost £533, against the estimated ceiling of £1,000.
- Parishioners are reminded to use their wheely bins for garden rubbish.
- CDC will collect large items of rubbish, by arrangement.
- The Parish Clerk (337447) should be informed of any specific problems of rubbish and litter.

SPEEDING AND PARKING

The Working Group identified a number of problems specific to Earls Lane - inconsiderate parking at the School and the Health Centre; dangerous bend at E end; accident blackspot at junction with Tays Gateway; complaints of speeding. Figures on traffic flows were quoted and options for action discussed. Other concerns included accident blackspot at the St Thomas Street/main road junction; repositioning the School Crossing sign; parking in the Market Place. Further studies are to be undertaken, with cost-benefit analyses, so that a comprehensive strategy may be developed, covering all problem areas. Meanwhile, PC resolved to abandon the idea of a chicane in Earls Lane - estimated cost now £18,000, and rising - in favour of low cost, visual methods.

CLIFTON

Play area goalposts will cost £250, and grass cutting £62 per cut. Bridleway amendments have been agreed with landowners. Horse-riders are responsible for clearing up after themselves [their horses, surely? - NCS]. Chicken manure must be ploughed in within 24 hours.

PLANNING

PC had no objection to the following, (subject to agreement of neighbours): 1. *Field Barns, Clifton Road* - change of use from agricultural to office. 2. *Windmill Cricket Pavilion* - enlarge by one third. 3. *Leadenporch House, New St* - change of use from pottery studio to professional studio, giving non-residential classes. 4. *Leadenporch House* - reinstatement of tennis court.

PC objected to: 5. *Boulderdyke Farm, Clifton* - change of use of agricultural land to, and construction of, anglers' car park. Information required on the whole project, including any proposed use of the lake for angling purposes, for which no planning permission exists.

MILLENNIUM

PC application for lottery funding will go forward under CDC 'umbrella' bid [see also Millennium Working Group report elsewhere in this issue].

INVESTMENT OF PARISH FUNDS

Total £598,379.58, of which £500,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 7.85%; £75,000 Treasury @ 6.5625; £6,955.80 + £14,727.26 on 14 days @ 5.135%: £992.08 + £704.44 @ 3.375% overnight.

**NEXT MEETING**

**Wednesday, 14 Oct, Town Hall, 7.30pm.**

**DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMEN - continued (1916-1962)**

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| 1918 | H Chuchley | 1926 | T H Deeley | 1934 | Rev T Buckingham |
| 1919 | B W Millington | 1927 | Dr T Turner | 1935 | Major R C Roberts |
| 1920 | F T Bolton | 1928 | R Dodwell | 1936-37 | G R Clarke |
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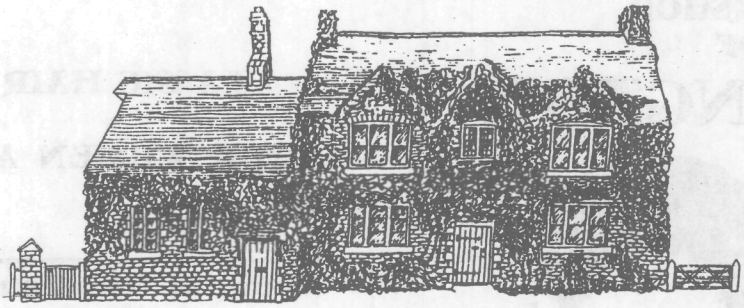

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# NEWS FROM SCHOOL

The term began with 161 children on roll, including 10 children new to the school. We also welcomed Mr. S. Callery, who joins us from a school in Bicester. We were thrilled to hear that three of our staff members on maternity leave, Mrs. Rolfe, Mrs. Lea and Mrs. Langford, have all had their babies (Isaac, George and Sophie respectively).

Our Key Stage 2 children (aged 7-11) are studying 'The Victorians' this term. They have made visits to the Black Country Museum in Dudley. The Museum re-creates a Victorian industrial setting - Living History - that really makes the subject come alive for children.

The younger children are busy preparing for the Harvest Festival at Church (Oct. 4th.). A range of extra-curricular clubs is getting underway, including football, netball, gardening, cycling and French.

Please don't forget that we are accepting applications for admission from parents of children born between **September 1st. 1994 and August 31st. 1995.** Further details are available from the school office, and visits can be arranged.

PETER GORINGE 338430

## Friends of Daeda's Wood

Most of the meadow areas have been cut, the fence repaired, and Daeda's Wood is showing first signs of autumn.

There should still be plenty of leaves, though, on October 18 when the county comes to the Windmill Centre for the big Environmental Extravaganza. We'll be there of course, with our display incorporating some new features. There'll also be a take-away leaflet for any visitors who want to make their way down to the wood, a mere kilometre or so from the Windmill Centre. See you there.

**Sylvie Spenceley 338995**

## OXFORDSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 1998

Although we didn't win anything, we were described as 'a beautiful Cotswold stone village showing loving care and attention....a great credit to all concerned....visiting Deddington brought the judges great pleasure. Thank you." The Library has the full report - well worth reading.

NORMAN STONE

## IT'S GOOD TO RING

On October 24 eight experienced ringers will gather in Deddington church tower and attempt to ring a peal, appropriately called Deddington Surprise Major, in honour of Bill Ivings' many decades in the ringing world. 'Attempt' is their word, not mine, but the choice is understandable. A full peal is a precise mathematical sequence that takes three hours to complete and involves over 5,000 changes in the order of the bells. One mistake, or lapse of memory, and the ringers might be unable to complete the peal.

Five members of the team assembled by Mark Sayers have local connections. Mark himself and Michael Colman are ex-pupils of the former Deddington Secondary School. With Bob Reeves and Barry Davies, they got to know Bill Ivings over forty years ago when, as school boys, they were learning to ring in Adderbury and used to visit Deddington bell tower. Since then they have often joined Bill in the traditional Boxing Morning 'ring' in Deddington. The fifth man, Graham Clifton, bell captain in Steeple Aston, has only known Bill and the Deddington bells for a mere twenty five years. Dedication seems to be a bell ringer's characteristic !

JEAN FLUX

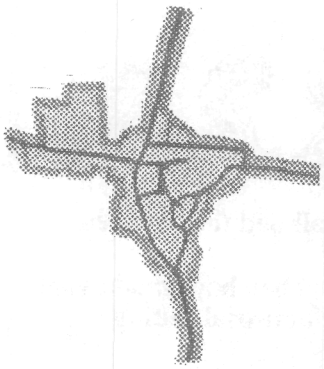
**CDC's Health Promotion Team** are concerned that we should keep warm this winter. They identify the groups of people at risk from hypothermia (when the internal body temperature drops below 35°C.) and advise on how to avoid it. If you are worried about the cost of keeping warm, "do not turn the temperature down, ask for help without delay". For further details, ring the Team on: 01295 252535 ext. 4149.

## *OXFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE - REPORT*

Deddington Parish Church was open from 10 am -6 pm. as usual on September 12, and I do thank all the kind helpers who acted as welcomers and provided refreshments.

The number of participants was generally far below those of previous years. We only had 32 visitors. But our star turn was, as ever, Vivien Edmunds riding her lovely horse, Nell. She visited twelve churches and has received well over £100 in sponsorship.

ANGELA WALLER



## DEDDINGTON MAP GROUP

In your copy of the *News* this month, you will find a leaflet *The Churches and Chapels of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton*. It contains a good deal of concentrated information, and some delightful drawings and photographs.

The leaflet is the first to be published in the series Mapping the Millennium. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard on researching, writing, designing, editing, illustrating and producing it - Maureen Dew, Bill Dickinson, Margaret Jones, Ken Langstaff, Jo Mace, Colin Robinson, Mary Robinson, Peter Terry and Elizabeth Tothill (alphabetical order).

Rural Action funded the leaflet so that every household in the parish could have a free copy. Please let me know what you think of it.

Thanks to all the people who have suggested where the medieval church in Clifton might have been located - several ideas there to follow up.

NORMAN STONE 338019

## PARTNERSHIP AGAINST CRIME

*Who are the partners?* Police and public.

*How many attended the public meeting on 9 September?* 3 police and about 30 public from Deddington, the Barfords, Steeple Aston and Duns Tew.

*What did the police say?* They told us that their aim is to work with the community to reduce crime, disorder and fear.

*What else?* They gave us a lot of information about their successes.

*And?* And about their problems, too.

*How did they do?* Rather well. Inspector Robin Gardner, Sergeant Ken Antell and our own PC Bob Donohue put their points across clearly, effectively and openly.

*What about the public?* A good response, with questions and comments about burglary, vandalism, fear, but mostly about speeding and parking. At the end of the meeting, we all felt a little better informed and maybe a little safer.

*What next?* Keep the dialogue going with regular meetings and consultations.

*What can we, the public, do to help?* We didn't really get an answer to that. Perhaps next time?

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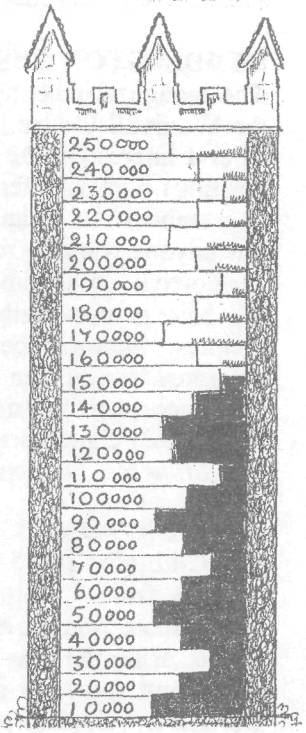


(Philip Allan, Appeal Chairman, sends this final report from the Deddington Church Restoration Appeal.)

The Appeal Fund, in money received and pledged, stands at £155,774,* against which must be set costs of £6,405. The Appeal Committee has now decided to close the Appeal.

Unfortunately we have been refused a grant by English Heritage, despite being led to expect one. This is very disappointing, but English Heritage has been overwhelmed by applications from churches, being asked for over £200 million from a fund of £20 million. They have had to make hard choices and refuse grants where they felt the money could be raised locally. We fall into this category. We have, however, already received donations of nearly £15,000 from charitable trusts, and the Church Commissioners will pay for the restoration work in the chancel. So we have not been without support.

I am pleased to report that, on the assessment of our architect, John Perryman, repairs to the roof, to deal with the infestation of death watch beetle, can be tackled with the funds available. Just how much work can be done remains to be seen; but the Parish Church will be restored and preserved for future generations. We hope the work will begin next spring.

On behalf of the Appeal Committee I would like to thank all of you who have helped with this Appeal, in whatever way, for your generous and unstinting support. The Appeal has touched a chord and it stands as testimony, I believe, to the value placed by the Parish on its beautifuland historic Parish Church.Your response to the crisis has been magnificent.Thank you - all of you - very much indeed.

*The total of £155,774 raised before expenses, includes all income tax reclaimed or eventually to be reclaimed on covenants, and a further £7,000 promised from the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and The Diocesan Archdeacon's Fund. Jean Flux

WHERE THE £6,405 WENT

Fund-raising involves expense. The CD, 'Raise The Roof', for example, incurred related production costs of £3,438 (disc and cassette manufacture, copyright, mail-order packaging, etc.), but it has raised £6,028.23 so far, **after** expenses, and could well raise more.

Other Appeal costs include the launch, leaflets, architect's fees and scaffolding, photographs for the Heritage application and the Appeal display. Some ventures, like the concerts, the Race Night, the Promises Auction, were managed through the Church's Appeal account and expenses are quoted. Others, like the Fire Station's Sponsored Row, were independently managed and only the net gain appears in the Appeal account.

Open Garden Footnote.The final total for Christine Blentoft's Open Garden afternoon in June was £884. John Parkinson transported the hired tables as a contribution to the event. JEAN FLUX


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# CALLING ALL CLUBS

***Please notify any last minute changes in Club programmes to both Club and Diary Editors***

**DEDDINGTON HISTORY SOCIETY**

The inaugural meeting of the Deddington History Society will take place on Wednesday 14 October at the Windmill Centre. The society, which is open to all, has been set up primarily to promote awareness of and interest in the history of Deddington and its neighbourhood. We plan to hold nine monthly meetings a year, offering a mix of lectures and events (such as exhibitions and visits) of interest not just to members but to anyone living in the area. Many people will be happy simply to attend our meetings, but anyone wanting to carry out research into local history will find in the society a friendly and supportive environment.

We have provisionally settled on an annual membership fee of only £7 a year for individuals or £12 for couples. Non-members will be charged £2 per meeting, refundable on joining the society.We are delighted that at our first meeting, fittingly, The Oxfordshire County Archivist, Carl Boardman, will introduce us to the riches preserved in the County Record Office by telling us of some of the more remarkable characters and episodes to be found there. His talk has the intriguing title *Oxfordshire Saints and Sinners*. Do come along to what should be a most interesting and enjoyable evening.

**CHRIS DAY 337204**

**DEDDINGTON YOUTH CLUB**

The Club (for 10-15-year-olds from Deddington Parish) re-opened on 8 September and operates each Monday from 7.30-9.30 pm in the Windmill Centre. The unruly element has been banned and there is now a more relaxed atmosphere. The hall is used for sports and there is a smaller room for listening to music, using the play station, crafts, etc. A programme of basic sports has been planned and there will be a different sport per session. Cherwell Sports Team will visit on 12 October, 9th November, and 14 December. Several parents have expressed interest in helping and it is hoped that more will come forward.

**FIONA IRVINE 01295-710213**

**DEDDINGTON COLTS FOOTBALL CLUB**

The club has just begun its new season. The village should be very proud of its boys. Last season the Under 12s team were league champions winning promotion into the 'A' League, and the Under 14s maintained a high position in their league throughout the season. This season we field three teams: Under 10s, Under 13s and Under 15s. All three will play in the Witney & District Boys Football League. Training takes place on Sat. morning for the Under 15s and Under 10s at the Windmill Ground, and on Thurs. evenings at Upper Heyford Gym for the Under 13s.

It is hoped that Deddington Colts will continue for many years to come; we therefore appeal to any parent willing to take on the management of the new junior team for the 1999/2000 season, or who can offer their services in future years as a trainer or manager, to contact the club secretary Ged Rhind on 340402.

The Club is also looking for a reliable person willing to give up a couple of hours on a Sat. morning to mark out the soccer pitch before the games.

**GRAEME CHAPMAN 337287**

**DEDDINGTON JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB**

The Junior Club season finished with the U-13s triumphantly winning the 8-a-side SNJCL cup final at Middleton Cheney, beating Kineton by 27 runs. Neil Skidmore and Rhys Duggan topped the batting whilst Andrew Toplisek turned in an impressive 2 for 7 bowling performance. Well done everyone.

We marked the end of the season with a presentation lunchtime at the Deddington Arms. John Stiff from the senior section handed out well-deserved trophies to everyone who played for the U-11s and U-13s this season. A big thank you to all the parents and players who supported this event. Next season we plan to build on this year's enthusiasm and success and run teams at U-11, U-13 and U-15. Watch the DN or Deddington On-Line for information about pre-season training. Contacts: U-11 Derek Cheeseman 338609, U-13 Geoffrey Duggan 338827; Chairman Mark Ryland 338261.

**GEOFFREY DUGGAN 338827**

**DEDDINGTON PLAYERS**

We wrote last month about the Pantomime in preparation for January 1999, and would like to remind all those interested in taking part, front or backstage, about the meeting at the Windmill, 7 pm, October 7. Once again it's been necessary to change our plans. We shall still be offering an evening of theatre on Fri. and Sat., October 23 and 24 at the Windmill Centre, but it will be *The Dock Brief* by John Mortimer with supper included (see ad. for details). Deddington Players has also arranged to bring some of the entertainment offered each year for Village Halls by Cherwell District Council. On October 29 at 3 pm we are pleased to welcome The Little Angel Theatre back to the Windmill Centre with their puppet show *The Elves and the Shoemaker*. This show offers humour, fun, excitement, music and fine puppetry. Tickets: £2.50.

**JEAN FLUX 338153**

# CALLING ALL CLUBS contd.

**DEDDINGTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

Our Harvest Festival raised £218.50 this year for our benevolent funds. Our thanks to the Rev. Ken Reeves and all who donated goods and joined us for the evening. Plans are in hand for Deddington's Remembrance Day commemorations; full details next month.

The end of September marks the end of an era for the club when our stewardess, Di Keats, leaves the club's employment. Thanks for many years service, Di! The occasion will not pass unmarked. Our programme of entertainments continues through the autumn. Please refer to the DN Diary, and come along if you can.

**PHIL CHARD, Hon. Secretary 338786**

**MONDAY MORNING CLUB**

I'd like to remind those who are going to Stratford to see *School for Scandal* on October 21 that the bus leaves the Market Place at 6.15 pm. *Sharks and Tarts* at Chipping Norton Theatre on October 31 has a later curtain up; we shan't be leaving Deddington till 7 pm.

**JEAN FLUX 338153**

**DEDDINGTON PRE-SCHOOL**

At the end of last term we said goodbye to Joe Harding, Jay McLeod, Thomas Salt, Benjamin Lewis, Stephanie Bolduc, Effie Alton, Robert Reed, Mary-Ann Waters, Sian Murphy and Alex Lowan. We wish them well at school.

We welcome Katie Calcutt, Wayne Crowthers, Sebastian Gardner, Samuel Best, Bethany Mawby, Tess Everatt, Joseph Fairburn, George Nichols, Jamie Turner, Joseph Munson, Harry Spengler, Ryan Morrison, Ann Cowley, Jack Brady, Thomas Pounder-Bates, Alex Stanic and Harry Powell.

During the summer break we opened up for a playscheme week; about 36 children enjoyed the many activities, and we also raised £136. Other fundraising events, such as the jumble sale, selling cards, a cake stall, car boot and a stall at the primary school fete raised £181.

We will be selling Christmas cards and paper shortly and holding an Usbourne Book party on Monday, November 2 at pre-school; everyone welcome. Sadly Jill Radini decided not to return after her maternity leave; we are looking for her replacement. New officers elected at our AGM will be announced next month.

So many children have joined us that we now run another session: Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. 9-11.30 and 12.30-3; Wed. 9-12.30. You are welcome to visit us. Please ring me for any information.

**TRACY ROGERS 337383**

**DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**

1st Team results

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Bishops Itchington (a) | Drew 1-1 | G.Shawyer |
| Tysoe (h) | Won 3-0 | C.Hill, M.Cadd, A.Shepherd |

An excellent start to the season following promotion to the Premier Division. The 1st Team will be playing in a brand new kit this season, thanks to the generosity of Richard Spencer.

Reserve Team results

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Middleton Cheney (a) | Lost 2-4 | M.Doggett, M.Alexander |
| Barford Res (a) | Lost 1-2 | P.Gibbs |

Unfortunately the Reserve Side have not had such a promising start and are still searching for their first points of the season.

**STEVE PLUMBE 01295-278258**

**DEDDINGTON W.I.**

Due to a possible misunderstanding, our Speaker for Sept. 8th did not arrive - much to the consternation of our Programme Secretary. However, nothing daunted, we chatted, caught up with news of friends and made short work of the tea and refreshments. We hope to arrange another date for Mr. Woodward of Colegrave Seeds and hope to see our visitors back with us. October 18 is allocated as a 'Social Evening' but after the enforced September 'Social Evening' perhaps other arrangements may be made. Dates for Skittles Evening and Line Dancing will be in the November report.

**RENE MAHONY 338438**

**DEDDINGTON BADMINTON CLUB**

We are pleased that many members have rejoined this season. For newcomers to the village, why not give it a try. Membership is £35 single or £60 family, per year. Visitors' Night Only fee; £1.50. Our first match is Wed. Oct. 23. Results in November news. Contacts: **CLIVE 338304. MARK TYLER 01295 810732**

**FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY** - The Group met on Sept. 22, to discuss with the Librarian, Rosemary Arnold, the purchase of supplementary books, using P.C funds. (Ed.)

# CHURCH AND CHAPEL

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October Services.
**Thu 1** 2pm Squeals and Wheels Pram and Toddlers' Service.
**Sat 3** 1pm Marriage of Karl Brian Leitelmayer and Rebecca Jane Osbury.
**Sun 4** 10.30am **Family Harvest Festival** (jointly with Deddington Primary School).
**Wed 7** 10am Holy Communion.
**Sun 11** 10.30am Sung Eucharist.
**Wed 14** 10am Holy Communion.
**Sun 18 St Luke the Evangelist** 8am Holy Communion (BCP). 10.30am Sung Mattins (BCP)
**Wed 21** 10am Holy Communion.
**Sun 25 Bible Sunday** 10.30am Sung Eucharist.
**Wed 28 SS Simon and Jude** 10am Holy Communion followed by Service of Healing.
7.30pm Devotional Service for Officers of Oxfordshire Battalion Boy's Brigade.
**Sun 1 November** 10.30am Family Service for All Saints.
**Wed 4 November** 10am Holy Communion.
**Thu 5 November** 2pm Squeals and Wheels Service.
October Services (St John, Hempton).
**Sun 4 & 18** (St Luke) 9am Eucharist.
**Sun 25** Bible Sunday. 6pm Evensong (BCP).
**Sun 1 November** 9am Eucharist.

David Nicol, who lives in Kings Sutton, will be ordained a deacon in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on Sunday 4 October. He will serve as non-stipendiary curate in the Parishes of Deddington and the Barfords. David is a full-time teacher and his help in our parishes will be mainly at weekends, occasional evenings and in school vacations. We pray for David, his wife, Jeanette and their three children and welcome them warmly.

Bible Study Group Meeting on Monday 12 October at 2pm in Grove Court (Mrs P. Ridd).

Harvest Festival. 4 October at 10.30am in Deddington Church. We shall be joined by children of Deddington Primary School and their parents. This will be a Family Service (no Holy Communion). Gifts of flowers and produce will be welcome and we are specially appealing for gifts of flour, rice and sugar which will be sent by special delivery to help poor families in Romania and Bulgaria this winter. Gifts may be taken to church on Friday 2 Oct 10am-5pm, Sat 3 Oct 9-10am or to the service.

New Style Family Service will be held on the first Sunday of each month at 10.30am. It will last approximately 40 minutes and will be followed by refreshments. There will be NO Holy Communion. We hope parents and children will find this helpful and give these services their support. You will be very welcome.

Alpha Course. This takes place every Wednesday evening between now and 9 December at 7.30pm at Leadenporch Farm, Deddington (off Clifton Road). If you would like to attend, please phone Bill Dickinson (337050) as soon as possible.

Thanks to all who supported the Church Fete on 5 September, which raised just over £1,400, and the Historic Churches Sponsored Ride on 12 September.

Confirmation The next Confirmation Service will be on 20 May 1999. The vicar would like to know the names of any adults or young people who wish to be confirmed as soon as possible.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:
BAPTISMS: 6 September in Deddington Church - JAMES BENJAMIN BURKILL and JEREMY PAUL LOWEN.
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Pastor ISSY WALTON (337157).

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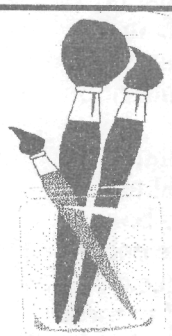

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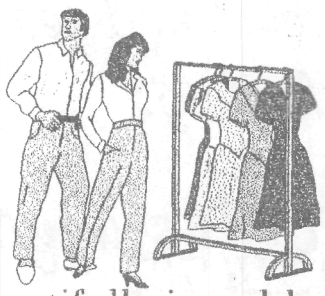
# FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

FROM GEOFF AND JOAN TODD, HOPCRAFT LANE, DEDDINGTON.
How much we enjoyed hearing Frank Steiner compete in BBC Radio 4's 'Brain of Britain' the other Thursday. He gave a good account of himself throughout the contest and finished a worthy second. It's not just the Internet that's putting Deddington on the map! Well done, Frank.
*(Modesty demanded that this letter by-pass our esteemed Correspondence Editor. The rest of the Team has been brashly basking in reflected glory. Ed.)*

FROM SAM (NEE ADCOCK) AND MARK BLACKMORE, DUNS TEW.
We would like publicly to thank Deddington Church Choir for sharing with us their enormous talent during our wedding service at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Duns Tew, on September 12, 1998.

FROM GEORGE FENEMORE, HOME FARM, CLIFTON
As one of the few livestock farmers left in the Parish, I cannot let Andrew Thompson's letter in the September DN go unchallenged. To link Scrapie, BSE, and CJD in the same context is more than a little reckless. Scrapie in sheep was first noticed some 200 years ago, CJD in humans some 70 years ago, and BSE in humans about 14 years ago. They are all diseases of the brain, caused by a virus-like particle or virion, and, so far, no cross species contamination has been proved.
In his letter Mr Thompson claims that BSE was the result of bad practice in the meat industry. He may be right, but who is to blame ? BSE first came to light in 1985, just after an oil and energy crisis, when the then government allowed the renderers who produce meat and bone meal as a protein additive to cattle feed, to lower the temperature of the process to save energy. No doubt the then government took the best scientific advice available on this. To suggest that Scrapie and BSE are "British diseases" is rather naive; a few cases have been reported in most EC countries. Just how many more have been put down and burnt under the guise of rabies, no one will say. The lifting of the European ban on British beef is now mixed up in the cauldron of EC politics and has little to do with scientific or medical advice.
British meat is safe, yet our government allows the import of meat from who knows where, produced to standards well below our own, fed on who knows what, and treated with a cocktail of growth hormones and other drugs which have been banned in this country for many years.
The whole sorry saga of BSE and CJD and BSE has been dogged by conjecture and dogma and is not over yet. The sad fact is that many people have lost their lives, some to CJD in its various forms. But many more livestock farmers have been driven to suicide. Farming now has the highest suicide rate among the various occupations in this country. Agriculture has cleaned up its act, so perhaps it is now the turn of the scientific community to come clean. After all, the modern technology used in modern agriculture today, is sold to the farmers by the scientists.

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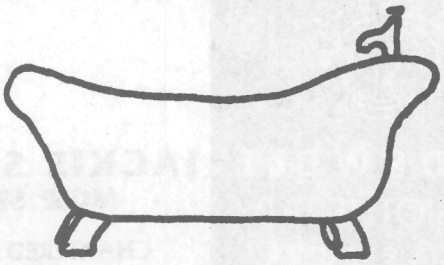

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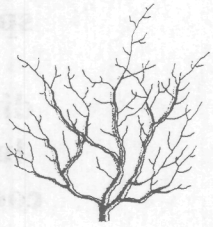

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# NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The Historic Churches Cycle Ride was held on 12 September, a mixed day for weather but many thanks to everyone who manned the Church that day and to all who provided refreshments. About 56 people attended St. John's. The building of the kitchen and toilet extension is due to commence on 1 October and will take about 11 weeks. The work will not affect Church services.

The Conker Championship is due to take place on 17 October at 2.00 pm in the Church grounds. The event is open to anyone. Leaflets about it will be delivered two weeks prior to the championship and are also posted around the village.

Due to the building of new premises we will not be holding a Christmas Bazaar this year but it is hoped to have a Spring Fayre about March/April time. The new housing development off the Duns Tew Road is now complete, with 3 luxury homes awaiting buyers. Also, the Old Chapel is now turned into a house and the old cottage next to the Church, completely rebuilt into a much larger property. **LES CHAPPELL 338054**

# NEWS FROM CLIFTON

There was a smaller turn-out than usual at the Great Western Arms for the September meeting of Clifton Residents' Group. There was a vote of thanks to Carol Fowler who was standing down as the group's first chairman. Mike Williamson was voted in as her successor. The next social event in Clifton will be after dark on Saturday 31 October, when there will be a Hallowe'en barbecue for witches, wizards and warlocks of all ages, in front of Hartwell Cottage, Walnut Close - fancy dress optional. There will be a lantern procession for the children and prizes for the best pumpkin-head lanterns. Bring your own sausages, burgers and drinks. If you are happy to receive trick-or-treat visits please indicate this by leaving a lantern, lamp or other sign by your front door - no sign, no visit. I still have a few photographs left of the summer fancy dress parade - please ring me if your child took part and you don't yet have a photo. Well done to Rose, Anna and Elenya McGovern and friends, whose teas, cakes and wishing well during the garage sale raised £25.30 for Katharine House Hospice. **JACKIE WILLIAMSON 337128**

# FIRE SERVICE

FIRE CALLS : Owing to my being away on holiday on the last copy date I have 2 months' calls to describe. These total 42 and were: 1 chimney fire, 5 house fires, 4 barn fires, 1 leaking gas cylinder, 2 rubbish fires, 1 tractor fire, 150 tons of bales on fire, 1 road traffic accident, 4 false alarms with good intent, 11 false alarms on automatic systems, 1 malicious false alarm, 10 calls to stand by at other Stations. This brings the total to 116 which is 26 up on the same time last year.

RECRUITING : I am pleased to report that we have had 2 more personnel join us: Philip and Valerie Beater (yes, husband and wife) who have recently come out of the RAF having served 19 and 14 years respectively. They have started their induction training and we look forward to them becoming operational, easing the pressure on the rest of us. We also have another application and this has to be processed.

FIRE SAFETY : With the colder weather approaching people will be lighting fires again and getting out portable heaters. I wonder how many will have their chimneys swept prior to lighting up, not only to remove soot deposits but to ensure that there are no birds' nests up the chimney. Don't forget those fireguards. Regarding portable heaters, please have them checked for any faults to avoid any possible dangerous occurrences. Very soon, fireworks will be on sale. Please, parents warn your children of the dangers of playing with fireworks. Any adults letting off fireworks, please read the instructions.

SERVICE : On 1 October I will have completed 30 years in the Fire Service, 16 of which have been as Officer in charge of the Station. **ALBERT HUMPHRIES**

**Calling all couch potatoes!** It is time to get off your couch and do something useful for your community. It is enjoyable, exciting, a challenge, it even pays you. Not for the faint hearted, it requires a firm commitment from you, but it has a social life, it will equip you with many skills, it will keep you fit. You can do it during the day or at night, you can even do it at weekends, whenever you are in and around Deddington. You can do it from home, from your bed, from work, even from your couch. What is it, you ask. If you don't know, see page *12* for the answer. Don't just think about it, get off your couch and give something back to your community.

**DEDDINGTON ONLINE** Our parish website now has a new - much simpler - address: **http://www.deddington.org.uk** After the usual introductory bit, all you have to remember is deddington.org.uk (org. is short for non-profit making organisation). The new site is fast and easier to use - more user-friendly as they say! If you haven't seen it yet, now is a good time to try. We're sure you will be pleasantly surprised. Over 100 parish businesses on the index and pieces about everything from the 'historical worthies' of Deddington, the churches, chapels and the castle, to the Badminton Club and the Babies and Toddlers Group. CHARLES NEWEY 338282

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**PARISH COUNCIL MILLENNIUM WORKING GROUP**

The Parish Council thinks that the Millennium is an appropriate time for it to encourage, support and provide finance for new initiatives in the Parish, and especially to create permanent memorials to mark the year 2000. The gateway for the Hempton Road cemetery is going ahead, the first products of the Millennium Map Group are about to appear, but we could be doing more. Any memorial would need to meet particular criteria - be of lasting value, be supported by most people and be affordable.

Do you have a workable solution to a parish problem? A way of expanding our community or of preserving something we value? An idea for a new feature in the parish? Some ideas have already been suggested (not all are new!): buying a house in Mill Close for a Windmill Centre steward; purchasing land to ensure its preservation, to provide car-parking space or for recreation; providing a castle-themed function/play/picnic area in the castle grounds; converting the town hall into a museum; putting a clock-face on the east side of the church tower. So, think about parish needs, talk with friends and let us know if you come up with something. We'll have a progress report in the next DN and hope to hold an open meeting, probably in late November, to discuss possibilities and decide the next steps. Your Working Group contact is: Charles Newey, The Cottage, Earls Lane, tel: 338282, email: c.w.a.newey@open.ac.uk

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## THE WAY WE WERE Deddington 150 years ago by Buffy Heywood

*Extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for October 1848:*

6th OCTOBER - Susan and I went to prayers as usual - we went into Mr. Brogden's afterwards, for a short time. He walked down home with us and had some cake and wine. I granted a summons against two men from Hempton for poaching at Ilbury.

16th OCTOBER - We started for London by Viggers coach as we had proposed for a few days, and reached London in safety. Returned home on the 21st by Boltons coac

23rd OCTOBER - R. Franklin came this evening with a note from Sir Thomas Cartwright asking us to dine there tomorrow or next day to meet his brother Aubrey and his bride - I replied that at present we did not feel equal to so doing in consequence of our irreparable loss - in our darling Betsy.

26th OCTOBER - Wrote to Mr. Noel at Adderbury all particulars about our wishes on the subject of a memorial window to our darling Betsy, at the East End of the Chancel in Adderbury Church.

27th OCTOBER - Mr. Brogden sent down to me to read prayers for him, which I did. Afterward I called at the Vicarage to say I would do so again tomorrow if he required it, being St. Simon & St. Jude - he was not up. I called on the old women in the Alms houses. I granted 3 summonses in divers cases.

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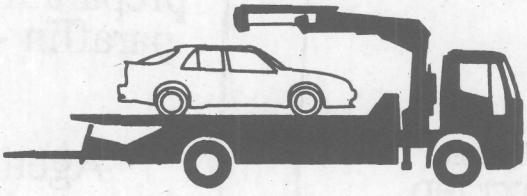

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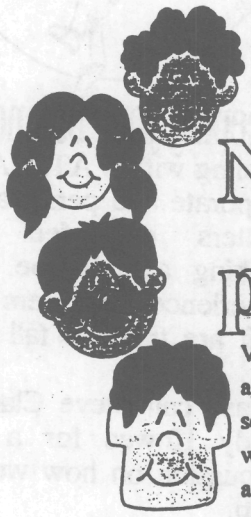

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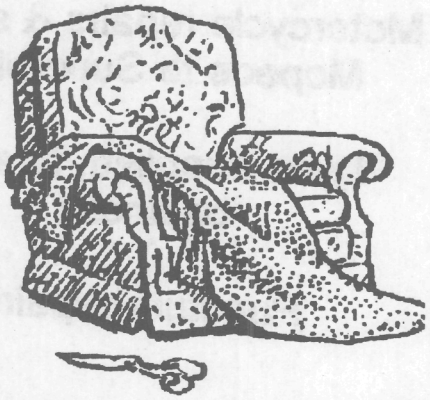

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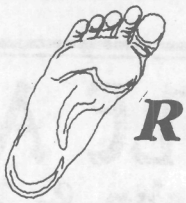

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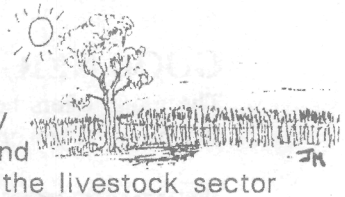

All is at last safely gathered in, but if it was worth all the hassle only time will tell. With the import of so much cheap grain from the EC and beyond, a market for home grown grain is almost non-existent. With the livestock sector in a state of terminal collapse, the light at the end of the tunnel has been removed. The autumn work is well up to date and the seed beds are working down well and we should not have any problems with delayed germination due to drought. The rams will go out with the ewes at the start of October to lamb in March. Although we had very good lambing last year the financial return has been very poor. The last lot I sold went for just 70p a kilo (how much are you paying for it in the supermarket? There's a good chance it is imported anyway). British meat is safe and of very good quality and if only the consumer would demand British meat products the supermarkets would soon cave in and stop fobbing off the consumer with high priced imported meat products from any cheap source they can find. Not only would this help the British livestock industry to get back on its feet, it would help the arable sector find a home market for its grain and help restore the English pastoral scene much mourned by conservationists.
This year has not been a very good one for the resident birds on the farm. The cold wet spell of weather in the summer coincided with their breeding season and many broods were lost due to the cold and the lack of insects to feed the chicks on. Farmers are often criticised for disturbing or destroying wild life habitats, so it is nice to think that with the encouragement of their teachers and governors the children at our school have taken such an interest in helping to create and study the wild life of Daeda's Wood. But what a pity it is that just for the sake of a few dirty windows for a few weeks of the year the same teachers and governors allowed the school authorities to destroy the nesting habitats of one of the only breeding colonies of swifts in the village by wiring off the eaves of the school roof.

**GEORGE FENEMORE 338203**

## GARDENING NOTES

The containers and bedding plants have been really late coming into flower and looking good. I was away at planting out time and thought I'd missed the boat, but was surprised to see the Nurseries still overflowing with Petunias and Impatiens in July. At the time of writing this the Geraniums look super and I am especially pleased with the trailing ivy-leafed ones. Their colours and flower shapes are most attractive. This year for the first time we bought a ready-made hanging basket. It contains one huge Fuchsia and looks good when it's in full flower but then follows a barren period when it gathers strength for the next lot of blossom. I should have waited - there were still plenty of plants for baskets in July. Next time I shall include some of the new trailing speckled Petunias, they make a wonderful show. Meanwhile we fight with the Ground Elder. Undeterred by slugs, pests or winter conditions, it flourishes.

**MARIANNE ELSLEY**

'By grace divine, not otherwise, O Nature, we are thine.' William Wordsworth
Another lady allotmenteer and I were discussing our successes and failures with planting, nurturing and harvesting this year's vegetable crops. Slugs, we agreed, had decimated many young plants. "It's a constant battle against nature, isn't it?" she remarked and I must admit I agreed with her. Nature certainly challenges the gardener/allotmenteer. The weather is never 'just right': too much or too little rain, cold winds, hot dry sunshine - never, ever at the 'right time'. Even so I have had an abundance of blackberries; the few peas I gathered did not have pea weevil; during the hot dry period the weeds were not so prolific. It doesn't seem to matter if you are a little late in planting, the plants will by the very nature of things grow and produce their seed. This week after the rain showers the soil has been easy to dig and I succeeded in clearing an ugly patch of weeds which had bugged me since I first took the allotment five years ago. Now three tips to aid us in our fight: 1. Coffee grounds sprinkled along the carrot rows keep away the carrot fly. 2. Stockings/tights cut across the legs in 2" strips, stretched, then cut again, make excellent soft ties for plants. 3. Chicken manure sprinkled round plants not only releases the nutrients slowly but helps keep slugs away.

**THELMA DOVER**

## GOOD NEIGHBOUR GROUP for Deddington, Clifton and Hempton

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## DIARY Cont.

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| Fr 23-Sat 24 | | Deddington Players present 'Dock Brief' at the Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. (p.6) |
| Fr | 23 | D.O.G.S. Dinner Dance, Banbury R.U. Club. |
| Sat | 24 | A peal will be rung on the church bells in honour of Bill Ivings, 9.30 am-12.30 pm. (p.3) |
| Sat | 24 | British Legion; Millenium Two ( Live Music ), 8.45 pm. |
| Wed | 28 | Friendship Club: Forty Years of Adventure, George Spenceley, Windmill Centre 2.30pm. |
| Th | 29 | The Little Angel Theatre present 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' The Windmill Centre, 3.pm. |
| Sat | 31 | Monday Morning Club: Trip to 'Sharks & Tarts' leaves from The Market Place at 7.00 pm. (p.7) |
| Sat | 31 | British Legion: Nightshift ( Live Music ), 8.45 pm. |
| Sat | 31 | Clifton Residents' Hallowe'en Barbecue, Walnut Close from nightfall. (p.11) |
| Sat 31/Sun 1 | | Art at The Holly Tree, Exhibition of work, The Holly Tree, 10 - 6 pm. |

NOVEMBER DIARY

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| Mo | 2 | Monday Morning Club: Holly Tree, 10 am till noon. |
| Wed | 4 | Deddington Ladies, Holly Tree, 8-10 pm. |
| Fr | 6 | British Legion: Street Level Disco, 8.45 pm. |
| Sat | 7 | Deddington Ladies Christmas Bazaar, 2- 5 pm. |
| Mo | 9 | Youth Club: Cherwell Sports Team at The Windmill Centre, 7.30 - 9.30 pm. (p.6) |
| Tu | 10 | WI: Beauty Demonstration - Boots, Mrs C Smith, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. |
| Wed | 11 | Friendship Club: Debate, 'How Can We Avoid Future War', The Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm |
| Wed | 11 | Deddington History Society: R.Lethbridge, Historic Churches of Oxford, Parish Church, 7.30 pm. |

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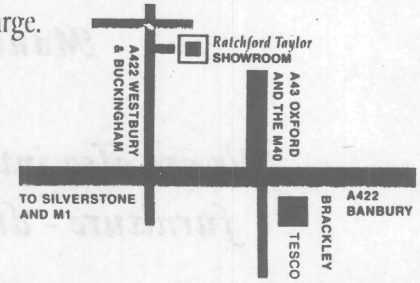


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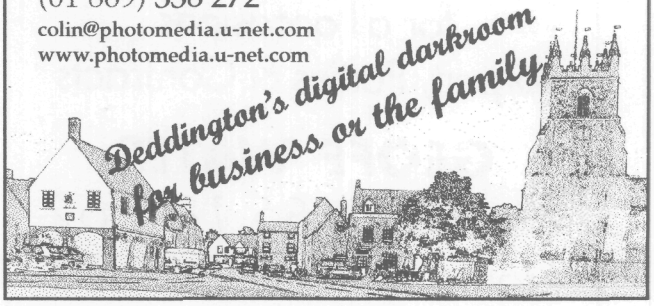




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